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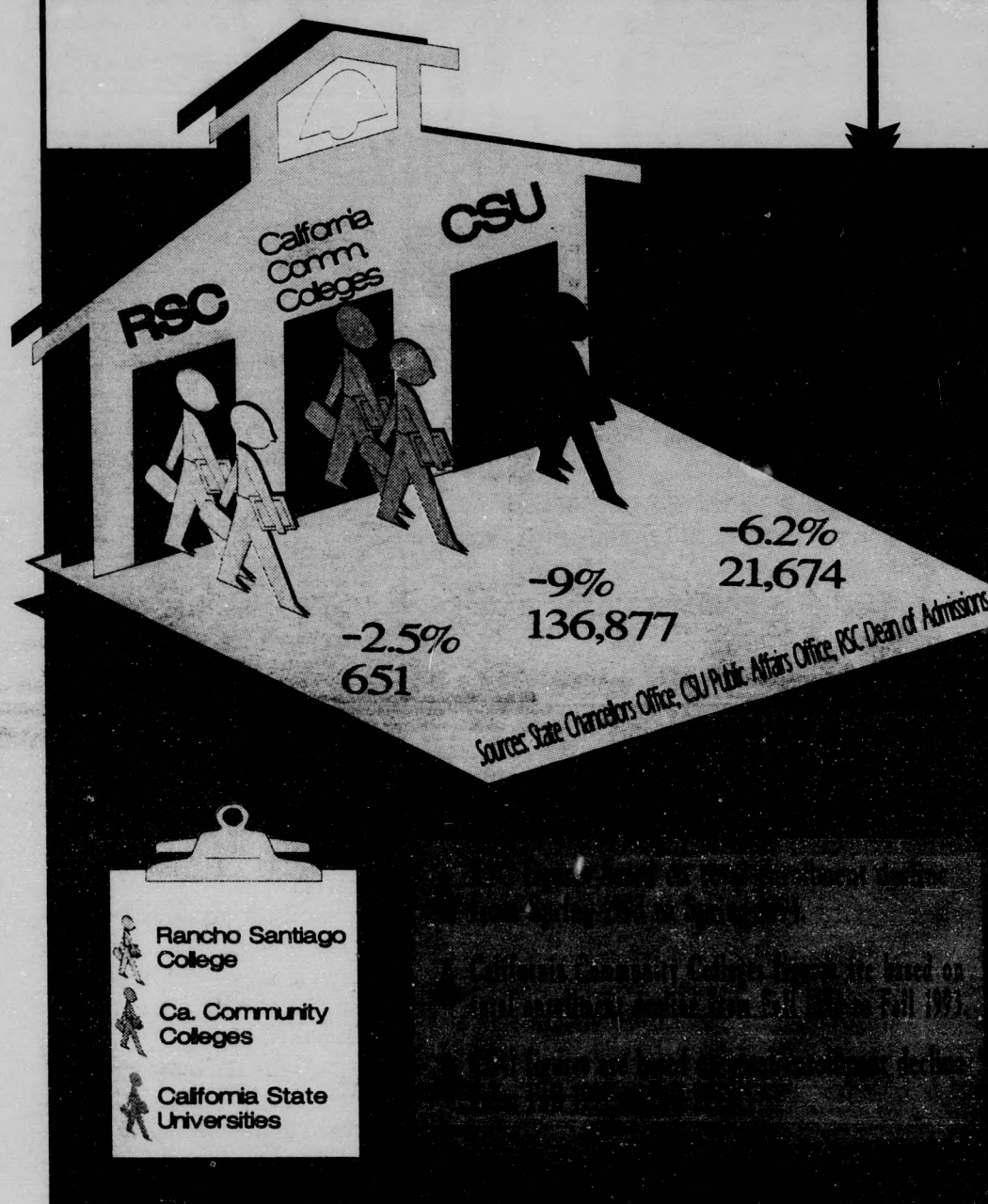
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ENROLLMENT DECLINE



Two-year school enrollment falls 9% statewide

By Roger Denman

el Don Editor in Chief

Enrollment in California's community colleges has plummeted by 9 percent over the past year, the deepest drop in attendance since 1978, when the state experienced a 12.3 percent decline.

This decrease represents about 137,000 less students in the 1993-94 year when compared to the previous year.

Although the California State Universities and the Universities of California have shown a decline as well, community colleges have had to roll with the blows of a much more substantial decrease in student enrollment.

In a report circulated last month, David Mertes, chancellor for the state's community college system, pointed out several key factors that he claims explain the loss of all those students.

Mertes said 10 percent of all classes of-

ferred at community colleges have been dropped since 1990. He also blamed a decrease in state apportioned monies to community colleges and a 100 percent increase in tuition rates since 1991 for the lack of students this year.

The tuition increase is a direct result of the state legislature and Governor Pete Wilson's administration, which has raised state community college fees from \$6 per unit in 1991, to a current rate of \$13 per unit. The administration has also proposed that fees be raised even more to \$20 per unit beginning next fall.

Nancy Ackley, a representative for the state chancellor's office, affirmed Mertes' comments in the report.

"The only way that the governor affects enrollment is when he requests a fee increase," Ackley said.

"The cumulative effect of the policies of the past three years has dampened aspira-

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Health Issues

By Jennifer Burgess

From College Press Service

With an estimated one in 500 college students infected with the HIV virus, students are becoming aware that they must learn how to protect themselves from getting AIDS, health officials say.

AIDS is the sixth-leading cause of death among 15 to 24-year-old men and women in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control statistics.

On top of that, AIDS cases are expected to increase because risk factors associated with AIDS, such as having sex with a number of partners and not using a condom during every sex act, are evident among college students nationwide.

Information from university health centers also indicates that students use alcohol and other drugs that may impair their judgment when it comes to sex.

"It may take 50 times before they're infected, or it may take once," said Sharon Douglass, director of the HIV-AIDS Institute at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. "But it's going to happen."

According to officials, the only way for college students to protect themselves from



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becoming infected is to become aware of the risks and take precautions.

The HIV-AIDS Institute, a non-profit institution founded in 1977, is designed to educate students at UCF about AIDS and give service to the Central Florida community regarding AIDS.

In an effort to dispel myths about the disease, a class at UCF is taught exclusively about AIDS. The course, "HIV Disease: A Human Concern," is designed to reach students intellectually and emotionally about the effects and risks of contracting AIDS.

Douglass, the founder of the institute and professor of the course, said her class of about 200 students per semester is always filled. She said students are eager to learn about the virus. The class has been a valuable tool for getting her message about AIDS to the students.

"It goes in one ear, sticks, and stays," Douglass said.

Since the class is designed to appeal to students emotionally, people with AIDS are often guest lecturers. Students also watch a slide presentation about people who are dying from the disease.

"Seeing how AIDS victims actually suffer made me think about the fact that I have to

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

Briefly

University Honors Instructor

Beijing University in China honored Patrick Crabb, RSC ceramics instructor, by acquiring a ceramic vessel of his for the university's permanent collection. Crabb's works are on display at the Downey Museum of Art through Feb. 20.

Coach Takes Top Award

Don Sneddon, RSC's baseball coach who led the team to the State Championship last May for the first time in history, was recently named National Community College Coach of the Year at the American Baseball Coaches Association convention in Anaheim. Sneddon is the winningest coach in RSC history with a record of 383-133-1.

On-ramp Eases Traffic

The Bristol on-ramp to the 22 freeway has reopened. With the on-ramp now accessible, students should find traffic frustration to be a little less burdensome.

Free Advice Available

Free legal advice is available to RSC students. The College Legal Clinic is a non-profit, student-run organization that provides free, one-on-one consultations for students with practicing Orange County attorneys. To make an appointment, call (714) 870-5757.

Winner Takes Best Space

Terry Ho, a library technology student, won the free parking space raffle sponsored by the Classified Senate, Monday, Feb. 7.

Compiled by Sarah K. Cron

Did You See It?

Looking for the individual who witnessed the hit-and-run incident in RSC's parking lot (lot #8, by Washington Ave.) on Feb. 4. Involving a lt. blue '83 Toyota Celica and a red Ford Escort. Please contact me-

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tions and discouraged enrollment," said Patrick M. Callan, executive director of the California Higher Education Policy Center.

Callan also said that a "high level of public anxiety about the accessibility and affordability of higher education, a sense that as college has become more important, is moving beyond reach."

Locally, enrollment at RSC has had a sharp decline as well.

Harold Bateman, dean of enrollment and admissions services, agreed that higher tuition rates are the primary reason enrollment at RSC is down.

"We had a \$3 increase and our (total) enrollment has fallen 2.5 percent from what it was last year. It cut back the number of students slightly," Bateman said.

However, there are seven percent fewer continuing students enrolled at RSC this



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year compared to last year.

Although class reductions may have contributed to the drop, Bateman said that RSC has only dropped one percent of its course offerings from the catalog this year.

Because of this low figure, he doesn't believe it could be a reason for the decline.

The report also says that the figures for the 1994-95 school year are estimated to be even lower, because of a state proposal which, if initiated, will increase tuition fees to \$20

per unit. This would be the single largest increase in California community college history.

Rancho is anticipating that increase in tuition and is planning some ways to combat it and encourage students to enroll.

"We are looking at different plans right now. One strategy to keep students enrolled is to expand the summer session (which had 25 percent of its course offerings slashed last year) and to add classes," Bateman said.

HIV: Many students ignorant of risky behaviors

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take precautions at all times if I don't want to suffer like them someday," said an anonymous student's evaluation of the course.

Douglass said sometimes students enter the class with the attitude that AIDS is something that could never happen to them.

She said that before taking the class, many of her students were sexually permissive and did not take any precautions to protect themselves against the disease.

Douglass, a respiratory therapy professor, said most students have some kind of misconception about the disease before taking the class.

She said some students still think of AIDS as a disease only gay men or drug users get. However, the number of AIDS cases attributed to heterosexual contact increased by 21 percent from 1990 to 1991, according to the CDC.

Douglass believes her class is changing the attitudes of students who take her course.

She said many of her students tell her that they are asking more questions before deciding to jump into bed with someone. She also said her former students tell her that they are waiting longer before

Ways to reduce risk of infection

The following safer-sex methods can lessen your chances of becoming infected with the HIV virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. The center recommends that people:

- ☐ Abstain from sex with an infected person.
- ☐ Ask about the sexual history of current and future sex partners.
- ☐ Reduce the number of sex partners to minimize the risk of HIV infection.
- ☐ Always use a latex condom from start to finish during any sex act.
- ☐ Use only water-based lubricants.
- ☐ Avoid deep-tongue kissing with an infected person. Although transmission of HIV has not been documented from kissing, a tear in skin could result in the exchange of blood.
- ☐ Avoid alcohol and other drugs. They not only affect your immune system, but they also affect your judgment.
- ☐ Do not share personal items such as toothbrushes and razors because they may be contaminated with saliva or blood.

having sex with a new partner and are now practicing safer sex by using condoms all the time.

But according to Joan Auth, a health educator at the University of Florida's Health Center, students may be waiting longer to have sex, but they are only practicing selective protection.

Auth said many students are using condoms only when they feel their partner is at risk. "And that may not be enough of the time," she said.

According to Auth, it is difficult for students to comprehend that someone infected with HIV doesn't necessarily look sick. In fact, they can look

healthy for years.

Unlike Douglass, Auth thinks it is difficult to teach college students about AIDS because they think they know everything.

During her presentations to classes she has to grab the audience by providing entertainment and involving the students in discussions.

In an effort to grab the attention of the 18 to 24-year-old crowd, an AIDS cartoon was produced by the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services.

The cartoon is geared toward educating the younger generation about the connection between the use of drugs, alcohol and unsafe sex.

The public service campaign is titled "Get high, get stupid, get AIDS."

It targets the college-age crowd with the message that it's easy to get AIDS if you're high on drugs or intoxicated.

"Young adults are particularly vulnerable to AIDS, and many of them are turned off by scare tactics," said Avraham Forman, deputy chief of the Community and Professional Education Branch of the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

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City youths hit the books while learning the ropes

Former RSCCD trustee John Raya and pro boxer open local boxing gym

By Karla Dudich
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - Former Rancho Santiago Community College District Trustee John Raya, and professional boxer Ernesto Tobias, have turned an idle idea into a youth center for boys and girls to help steer them away from gangs and life on the streets.

The non-profit organization offers boxing and self-defense classes to kids ages 8 to 18. Enrollment is open to the public, but kids who join the program are required to maintain a D average in school, uphold satisfactory citizenship in the community and complete one hour of homework at the facility before participating in activities.

Explaining the D average criteria, Raya said he wants to help troubled youths, not just kids who are already high achievers.

"Let's be realistic, youths getting C's and better are not the ones getting into trouble,"

he said.

One of the program's main objectives is to incorporate boxing and social interaction.

"We want to re-create a social contract ... with youths and society ... that hasn't been there," Raya said.

Instead of punishing kids, Raya said he would like to see the communities do more to help give the youths a variety of options and increase their awareness of the programs available to them.

"What we are doing now isn't working," he said. "We incarcerate more youths now than at any time in our history."

After reviewing videos on boxing techniques and doing research on the sport itself, RSCCD trustee Shirley Ralston found it to be "perfectly safe" when taught with the proper training and equipment. She studied the boxing aspect of the program to alleviate parents' concerns that the sport is too dangerous for their kids.

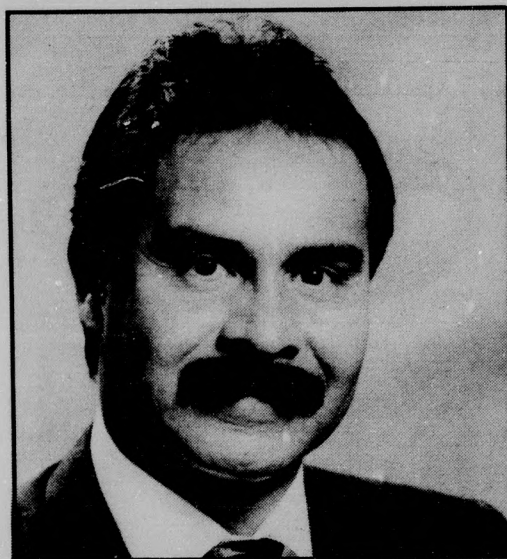
The program will also teach kids about gangs, substance abuse, job skills development and cultural pride. Voluntary community service and site maintenance will be done by kids to instill responsibility.

College students are needed to volunteer their time tutoring kids at the program, on homework material and to follow their progress in school. This will give kids the opportunity to interact with their peers and learn the importance of being part of a community.

The program will begin in a couple of weeks, pending arrival of supplies donated by the city of Santa Ana. USA Boxing will cover insurance in case an emergency does arise.

Similar programs in Santa Ana have worked to offer kids alternative options and have succeeded. The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana, Santa Ana League of United Latin American Citizens "Believe In Your Dreams" and Project Pride are just a few of the programs offered to kids in the city.

Although the RSCCD board of trustees rejected an extensive youth development program proposed by Raya Jan. 18, the



Ex-trustee John Raya

Santa Ana City Council has begun putting some of the proposals into action. "He has really made an effort," said city council member Pat McGuigan.

Brian E. Conley, an RSCCD trustee, says the board's decision not to pass the 17-step plan was primarily because it did not deal directly with the school.

Donation inquiries can be made at the center, located at 1416 S. Bristol, Santa Ana.

Financial aid delays frustrate, anger students

By Eddie Beas
el Don Staff Writer

Frustration levels are peaking for RSC students waiting to receive financial aid this semester.

A recent deluge of applications has added to the already overwhelmed and understaffed office, leaving students with no money to pay for tuition and books, said officials.

Anna Cuellar, an RSC student, applied for financial aid in August and still has not received word from anyone.

"I checked with the office last month and they said they were working on July's applications," she said. "I had to borrow money to buy my books."

The college has been requesting additional counselors for nearly two years to help process financial aid applications, said Tai Banh, an eight-year employee of the financial aid

office at RSC.

Almost 4,000 applications were processed in January 1993, an 18 percent increase from 1992, according to Marlene Frederickson, RSC financial aid officer.

The influx of financial aid applications has crippled computer processing, adding an additional burden to the office.

The wiring in the old building won't handle the computer network system which slows the process even more, according to Sherry Miller, an Information Center specialist.

Other colleges are reporting similar problems. Mary Hall, acting director of financial aid at Saddleback College, said she was also working with an understaffed office, but their problem mainly stems from students who failed to complete the forms properly.

Orange Coast College is experiencing problems as well. Also

understaffed, their financial aid office still needs to process an additional 6,200 applications causing a 2 to 3 month delay for students, said Marianne Capelle, OCC director of financial aid.

Although nearby colleges are experiencing similar funding problems, their students have one thing that RSC students don't: an emergency loan fund. Students may receive \$100 in advance to pay tuition or book costs. Until this semester, Rancho Santiago College had one.

It provided students with a \$50 loan, and according to Frederickson, at the time it was established, \$50 was more than sufficient to cover costs. Because the emergency loan fund was an advance, it was to be repaid.

However, many of the students failed to reimburse the college for the loan and the account eventually ran dry, Frederickson said.



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Robin Cook
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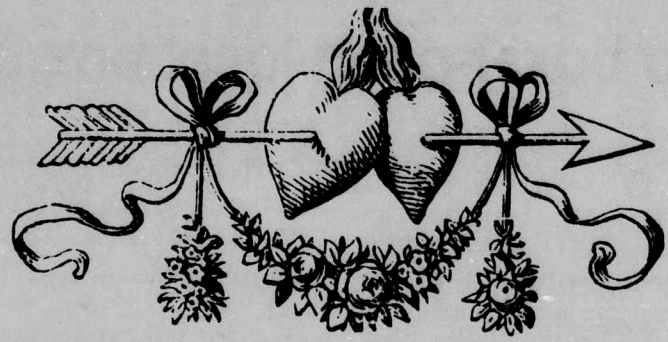
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Pale Sun, Crescent Moon, RCA
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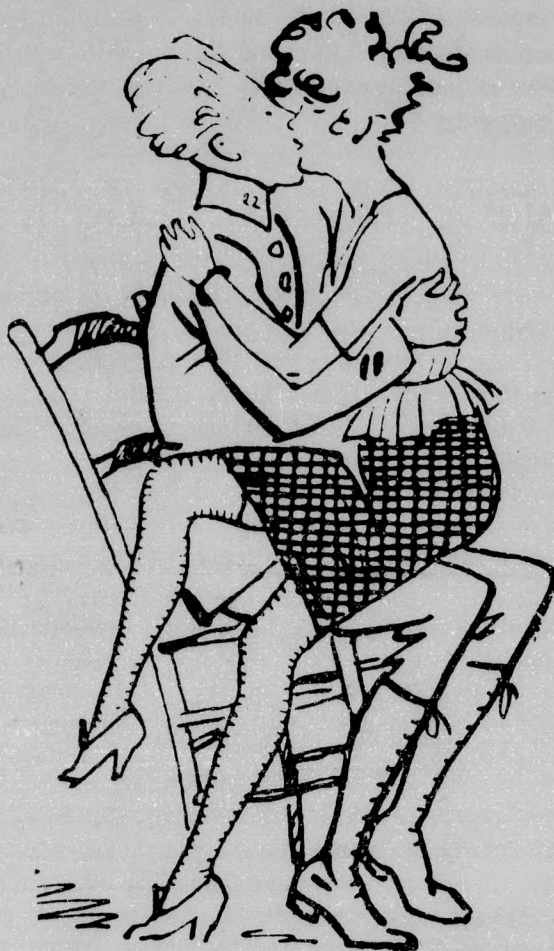
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assion rules the day

Pagan ritual develops into a hallmark holiday of sweets, flowers and love



By Jason Lamm
el Don Staff Writer



St.

Valentine's Day is here again and it's time to celebrate an old Roman holiday and the execution of a priest. Yes, that's right, the execution of a holy man.

St. Valentine's Day has a long and colorful history, and so do its traditional symbols of Cupid the Roman god of love, and the red heart.

There are a number of explanations for the holiday, and historians cannot agree which one is correct. Some believed the holiday was adopted from another celebration, while others argued in favor of Feb. 14 as a memorial for Valentine, a third century Christian priest.

In the Ancient Roman calendar, Feb. 14, was a holiday for Juno, the queen of the Roman gods. Young women would write their names on pieces of parchment and the name would be placed in a bowl. The young men would draw names and the man and woman became partners at all the games and dances during the year. Now, that's commitment.

In the third century, Roman Emperor Claudius II needed an army. He thought unmarried men would make better soldiers and forbade priests to perform marriages, risking execution. The holy man took that risk and performed secret weddings. He was caught and imprisoned to await execution.

During his imprisonment, the priest became popular, and many children brought him flowers with loving notes. After his death, he was canonized by the Christian Church. Linguists have suggested that the Latin word *galantin*, meaning lover of women, sounded like valentine. They propose that this may have made people think that St. Valentine was the patron saint of lovers.

Cupid originated with the Greek god Eros, the god of love. The Latin word "cupid" means desire. He is usually portrayed as a chubby, winged child armed with a bow and arrows. He flew around shooting the arrows into peoples' hearts. According to legend, the arrows made people fall in love with the person nearest to them. Cupid was an irresponsible god, and he often shot his arrows without concern, causing the most unlikely people to fall in love.

Because of his penchant for shooting arrows into his victims' hearts, the red heart also became a symbol of love, and both are entwined with St. Valentine's Day.

Although Christianity became the dominant religion in Europe, pagan feasting and dancing which occurred on the 14th, continued. If all this history is hard to swallow, then mayhap the greeting card companies fooled historians, and created St. Valentine's Day to sell us cards and candy.



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By Joyce DeVries
el Don Staff Writer

Febuary 14th is a time to celebrate love. Chocolate, long associated with romance, is a great gift for your main squeeze. Here's an idea to whip up in the kitchen:

Death By Chocolate*

- 1-pkg. Pillsbury Fudge Brownie Mix
- 1/3-cup Coffee Liqueur
- 2-pkgs. Jell-O's No Bake Chocolate Mousse Pie Mix
(reserve cookie crumb crust for another use)
- 2-8 oz. cartons Cool Whip, thawed
- 6-Heath candy bars
(1.4 oz. size/in pkg. of 6)

*Note: This recipe is very large, but it can be halved easily.

Prepare brownies according to the directions on the box. While still warm pour coffee liqueur over prepared brownies. Prepare chocolate mousse according to the directions and crush the Heath bars.

Break the prepared brownies into bite size pieces. Arrange half this mixture in the bottom of a large bowl, or heart-shaped container. Pour half the prepared mousse over brownies. Spread one carton of whipped topping over mousse and top with half the crushed Heath bars. Repeat with another layer of brownies, mousse, topping and candy bars. Chill until serving time. This treat can be made a day ahead. Serves 15 to 20 people.

This One's No Bomb

Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis plays a man wrongly accused of IRA bombings in director Jim Sheridan's latest effort

By Jason Lamm
el Don Staff Writer

In the Name of the Father" faithfully accounts the true story of the arrest and wrongful conviction of Britain's "Guildford Four."

On Oct. 5, 1974 the Irish Republican Army (IRA) planted bombs in two pubs in Guildford, England, near London, killing five people.

Under extreme pressure to solve the crimes, authorities arrest and brutally interrogate Paul Hill (John Lynch), Gerry Conlon's (Daniel Day-Lewis) boyhood friend.

Hill signs a false confession after being physically and psychologically tormented for days. Conlon, members of his family and friends were named in the confession.

After Hill's fraudulent confession, Conlon, his father, Giuseppe Conlon (Pete Postlethwaite), and several others are arrested.

Conlon, under duress by the British police, signs a confession admitting his guilt in the bombings.

As the story unfolds Conlon and his father come to know each other in one of the worst possible environments--prison. One of the most moving scenes takes place during their stint in confinement when the prison's warden is set on fire. Conlon douses the flames, and earns his father's respect.

Giuseppe convinces lawyer Gareth Pierce (Emma Thompson) to look for evidence to reopen the case. As the film progresses, so does Conlon's relationship with Pierce. The strongest points in the film are the changing relationships between Conlon and Giuseppe, and Conlon and Pierce.

All three actors give memorable performances in the film. The human growth, which flourishes under extreme stressors, is its highlight. I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys drama and fine performances.

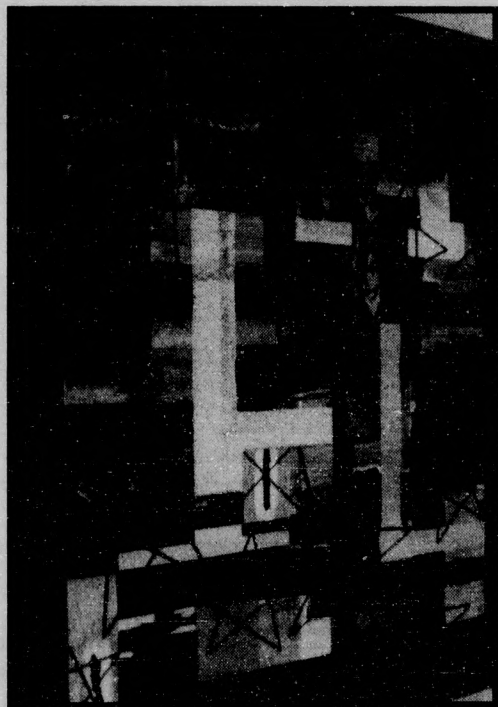
"In the Name of the Father" is based on Gerry Conlon's autobiographical book "Proved Innocent."



INNOCENT!!
Daniel Day-Lewis portrays Gerry Conlon in Universal Picture's "In the Name of the Father." Emma Thompson (right) plays Conlon's lawyer.

Jonathan Hession/Universal City Studios

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ART

CREATIVE TALK

What is it?...if you have a taste for the abstract, journey through the RSC Art Gallery and view its newest exhibit "Very Visual Dialogue." Works by artists, Tom Krumpak, William Lane, Anne Flaten Pixley, and others are displayed.

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SPEAK UP

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Author and lecturer Betty Friedan will be speaking at the Le Meridien Hotel, on Feb. 24. The event is sponsored by Women in Business Orange County. Opening remarks and introduction will be made by Midge Costanza, former Assistant to the President of the United States. Phone (714) 731-1077 for reservations.



LAUGHS

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To celebrate Black History Month, "The Wrecking Crew Gospel Choir" will perform at the Johnson Center between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., on Feb. 16.

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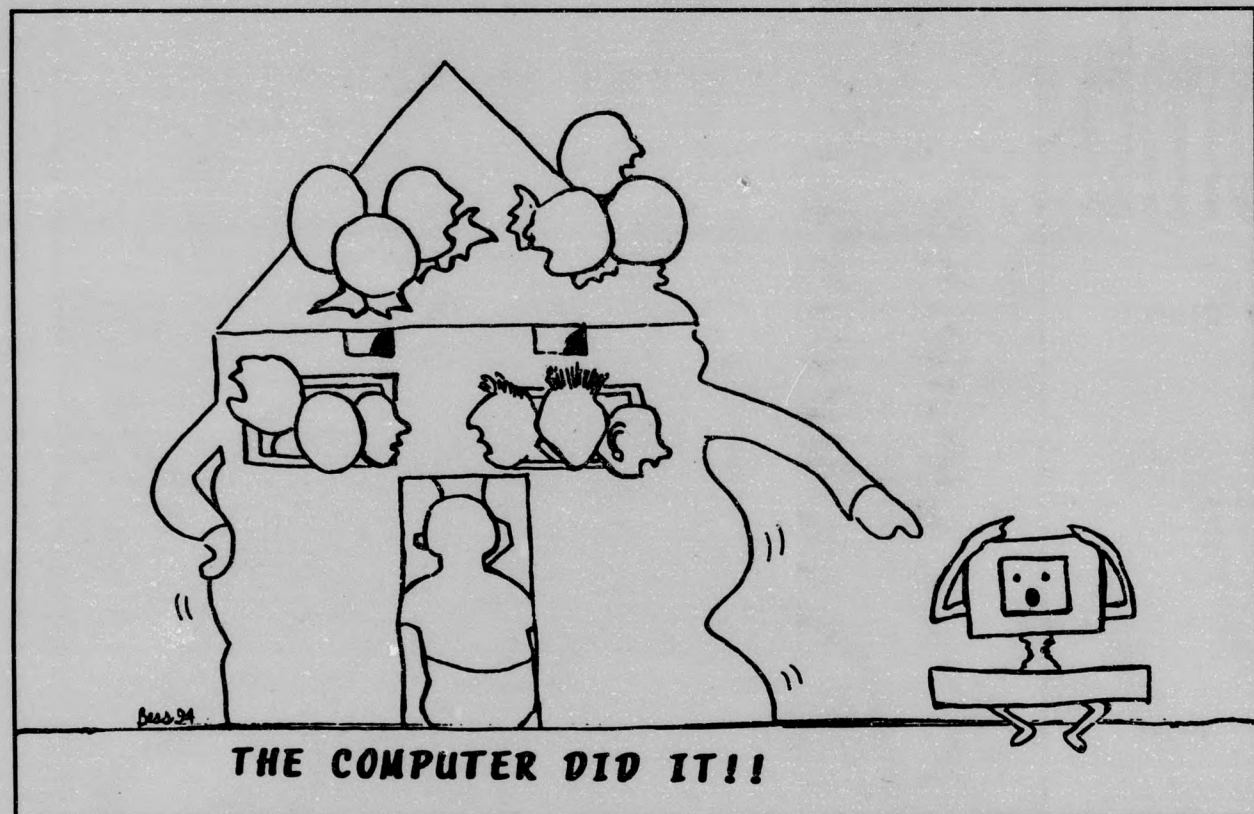
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Editorials

Singing the over-enrollment blues

Last month's computer registration error was wide-felt by Rancho Santiago students. Many thought their schedule was locked up but found they were only locked out. The frustration experienced by all who were impacted by this snafu is understandable. College registration is cumbersome enough without "help" from computer malfunctions.

But, it wasn't that bad. Classes still began on time; and while many were left out in the cold to scramble for their classes, it could have been much worse. Not too many years ago, there was no such thing as computer registration. Everybody had to wait in lines, from several hours to an entire day, without a guarantee that they would get their classes.

RSC's administration made a comprehensive effort to notify the students affected, including using a multilingual phone staff to personally notify students of the predicament.

Computers are not without flaws. Anyone who has any experience with them knows this and the frustration that accompanies it.

Our only advice is to grin and bear it. As we move further and faster into the computer age, you can rest assured that this will not be the last time a computer malfunction hampers your plans.

It's National Condom Week...cover it

Reasons for wearing a condom during sex are numerous. The most important however, remains the prevention of the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), especially AIDS.

The number of new AIDS cases in Orange County rose 38 percent in 1993, with 698 new cases reported, compared with 506 in 1992. This dramatic increase can be attributed mainly to the improper or non-use of condoms.

National Condom Week, which by design coincides with Valentine's Day, was instituted to help Americans recognize the importance of using condoms. Safe sex entails substantially more than "wrapping that rascal." But by using a condom, the risk of acquiring an STD is drastically reduced.

Care must be used at all times when handling condoms, so that no damage may be incurred. We have included the illustration below to help clarify this.

Some important things to remember when using a condom:

Condoms should be used if your partner hasn't been tested for STD's.

Condoms should be used in both homo- and heterosexual intercourse.

Condoms should be used for vaginal, anal and oral sex.

Two important things to remember about AIDS:

It kills.

It could kill you.

Source: MMWR August 6, 1993 CDC, NIH, FDA



No aid for illegals

■ Congress' amendment banning quake aid to illegals is an idea overdue in U.S.

By Jason A. Spielfogel
el Don Opinion Editor

Last week, a key committee of Congress amended the \$8.6 billion quake-relief bill, effectively barring illegal aliens from housing grants and similar subsidies. This is a landmark victory for American citizens, or those resident aliens that have immigrated to this country by proper and legal means.

I realize that this may seem inhumanitarian; a point various liberal organizations would promote in order to insure that America slowly, and blindly, sinks into socialism. It seems that there is a never-ending stream of people who believe that no one should work for anything. Instead, they would have everybody receive things like food, housing, and medical insurance based upon their need, not upon whether or not they earn it. Marx's "Each according to his merit, each according to his need." rings more and more true in this country with each passing day.

If however, the amendment to the bill is examined a little closer, the ethicality of it is clear: those individuals who are in this country legally, who have played by the rules, ought to be the ones to receive the aid. America should not be considered the world's crutch.

Of course, the amendment is not without its loopholes. Among them: what will be done in the case of undocumented aliens whose children were born here, thus making the children American citizens? This is a hard question which will be answered by another question. Why are children of illegal aliens made Americans just by virtue of being born within our borders? Obviously, there are three possible solutions:

■ 1) Turn the other cheek and give the aid to illegals who have children born on American soil, thereby setting a precedent which makes it easy for anybody, from any country, to come to the U.S. and receive aid.

■ 2) Same as #1, but upon receiving the aid, deport the parents, with or without the children. Obviously, this is extremely cruel and not an idea I would favor.

■ 3) Change the 14th Amendment so that simply being born on American soil does not warrant American citizenship. A citizen should be defined as an individual who has immigrated to this country through the legal channels, or children of those who have.

The latter is the most sensible of the three. It would disallow further abuse of our system, and would give a clearer guideline for citizenship.

I expect that a great number of bleeding-hearts will fight ideas like mine, calling me a racist or a bigot. I need to make this clear now: All I want is for those who have obeyed the immigration laws to be the first to receive the aid, regardless of race, sex, age, religion, culture, etc... It comes down to simple playground ideology. Play by the rules, or you don't get to play.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Feb. 5 **Next Game:**
RSC 79 **Today**
Saddleback 93 **at Fullerton**
7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Feb. 5 **Next Game:**
RSC 60 **Today**
Saddleback 89 **at Home**
7 p.m.

BASEBALL

Sun. Feb. 7 **Next Game:**
RSC 10 **Feb. 17-20**
Oxnard 3 **C.S. Classic**
All Day

SOFTBALL

Next Game:
February 11-13
12th Annual Lidlifter Classic
All Day

STANDINGS BASKETBALL

Orange Empire Conference

LEAGUE OVERALL

TEAM	W	L	W	L
Saddleback	9	1	19	6
Riverside	8	2	21	6
Fullerton	6	4	21	8
RSC	6	4	18	9
IVC	5	5	17	11
Cypress	3	7	12	17
OCC	2	8	12	13
G. West	1	9	8	18

LAST FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Saddleback	93	RSC	79
Cypress	85	G. West	65
OCC	78	Fullerton	75

SCHEDULE

Fri. Feb. 11

RSC at Fullerton 7 p.m.
Orange Coast at Riverside 7 p.m.
Golden West at Saddleback 7 p.m.
Irvine Valley at Cypress 7 p.m.

All-American Jesse Gomez commits to Southern Cal

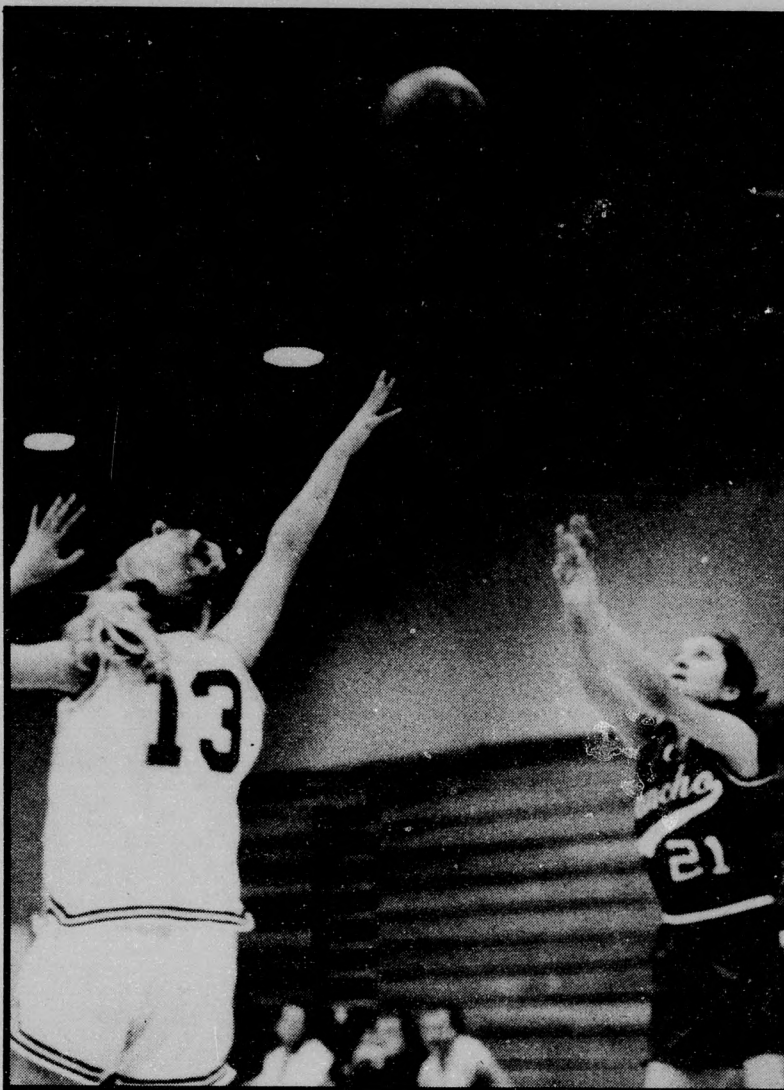
Jesse Gomez, a 6-2, 275 pound center from Santa Ana High School, signed a national letter of intent last week with the University of Southern California, finishing his two years at RSC.

Gomez started 20 games at center at Rancho. He was named first team All-Mission Conference Central Division, first team All-State by the California Community College Football Coaches and a pre-season Academic All-American and post-season All-American by JC Gridwire.

"Jesse has been an outstanding player for us these two years," said Dave Ogas RSC head football coach.

Gomez had a 3.5 grade point average and received the RSC coaches award on offense.

Gauchos corral Rancho



LET IT FLY

RSC guard Griselda Cervantes (21) attempts a jumpshot during the Lady Dons' loss to Saddleback Friday night.

Allan Vargas / el Don Photo

Tilli and Cervantes lead Lady Dons in losing effort

A.G. Vargas

el Don Staff Writer

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE - The Lady Dons battled for their first conference victory Friday, but suffered a hard loss as Saddleback went home with a 89-60 victory.

Rancho, unlike other games this season, came out confident and ready to play. They ran the floor well in the first half and kept up with the fast pace of the Gauchos. RSC trailed the Gauchos only by 10 at intermission 43-33.

After the break, the game remained close until Rancho had a number of fouls called against them. With 9:08 left in the game, 5'10" Freshman center Yamilda Olmedo fouled out, taking away the tallest player Rancho had. This helped prevent RSC from scoring for almost 2 minutes giving the Gauchos plenty of time to run up the score.

With 2:40 left, Sonia Ramirez started the Lady Dons' again with two three-pointers. Unfortunately for the Dons' it was not enough to catch Saddleback.

"I feel we're better prepared mentally tonight than we had been the last two ball games" said Coach Myrond Brown.

Bonnie Trejo led the Gauchos with 27 points, 11 rebounds followed by Amy Feniello with 16 points and 4 rebounds.

The Lady Dons' were led by Tanya Tilli with 14 points, 7 rebounds along with Griselda Cervantes with 13 points and 5 rebounds.

Rancho will host Fullerton College tonight in the Bill Cook Gym. Game time is 7 p.m.

Dons rounded up by Saddleback 93-79

RSC gives game away at the free-throw line

Bernie Sanders

el Don Staff Writer

BILL COOK GYM - It was probably of the biggest test of the RSC basketball season and the Dons failed.

Rancho was defeated by Saddleback Col-

lege 93-79 in an Orange Empire Conference game Friday night. The Gauchos secured first place by hitting their free throws. They were 28 of 29.

The Dons, in an attempt to gain momentum and move up in the standings, after their rout over Orange Coast College 88-66, came

crashing back to reality when the defending conference champs went 12 for 12 from the free-throw line in the first-half and hit seven out of 13 three-pointers in the game to seal the Dons' fate.

During the first half, the game was like a chess match as both teams moved the ball and scored easily, the half ended with the Gauchos up by only two 39-37.

But in the second half, the Gauchos started to take control. They were led by Wes Whit-

ploded for 21 in the second. All other starters scored in double figures for Saddleback.

Sean Amos, who scored 45 total points last Please see HOOPS, Page 8

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Athletes of the week

DONS

BASKETBALL

Pos. / Yr.
Guard/Freshman

Major: wants to get A.A. degree; hobbies are sports and listening to music.

Stats: had 33 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds and 8 steals in games against OCC and Saddleback.



Nathan Small

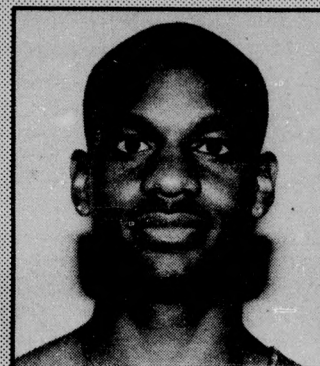
DONS

BASKETBALL

Pos. / Yr.
Forward/Sophomore

Major: goal to receive A.A. degree and transfer on to UC Berkeley

Stats: had total of 45 points versus OCC and Cypress and 22 points against Saddleback.



Sean Amos

Lady Dons' Softball Preview 1994

Women get back into swing of Spring



LEE ANN MORRETINO:
only returning player from
last year, plays first base.



JOCYLYNE PATRICK:
returns after one year of
academic probation

ROSTER

POS/YR

Christine Culver CF/FR	Orange H.S.
Sheila Cook Util/FR	Anaheim H.S.
Judy Enami C/SO	Rowland Heights H.S.
Courtney Kerley SS/FR	Coto de Caza H.S.
Christina Mazurie Util/FR	Santa Ana H.S.
Lee Ann Morretino 1B/SO	Anaheim H.S.
Brenda Parks Util/FR	Lakewood H.S.
Jocelyne Patrick P/SO	Downey H.S.
Renee Taylor OF/FR	Mission Viejo H.S.
Kristi Valentine 2B/FR	Huntington Beach H.S.
Jennifer Wilton OUT/FR	Anaheim H.S.
Jessica Hernandez OUT/FR	Laguna Hills H.S.

■ Lack of players could pose problem for ladies in upcoming season

By Thomas Mazzone
el Don Staff writer

The Lady Dons softball team was dealt a harsh blow earlier this year with the announcement of Jamie Parker, RSC's career strikeout leader after only one season, accepted a scholarship to Eastern Kentucky.

"With a team already short on players, it was a crucial loss," said Kim Nutter, head coach.

At the end of last season the Lady Dons were playing with nine players, and managed to finish 20-20, in fourth place in the Orange Empire Conference.

Pitching and depth are major concerns. Nutter, in her third year as head coach, returns just one player from last year's squad and only 12 total

players on the team.

The Lady Dons lone returner is first baseman Lee Ann Morretino who batted .271 and led the team with 10 RBI's. Jocelyne Patrick, a pitcher who two years ago, posted a 2.05 ERA and a 6-8 record, returns after sitting out a season because of academic probation.

They're some newcomers who look to contribute. Catcher, Judy Enami a transfer from Chaffey College, hopes to provide a much needed boost in the hitting department. Freshman Christine Mazurie, from Foot-hill High School in Tustin, has impressed coach Nutter so far in practice at third base.



Kim Nutter

The Lady Dons open their season today through Sunday in the 12th Annual Lidlifter Classic. Games will be held at Bonita Creek Park in Newport Beach all day..

HOOPS: RSC falls to third place

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week, tried to keep the Dons in the game with 22 points, but it wasn't enough as the Gauchos outscored the Dons in the second half by 12, 54-42.

Nathan Small stepped up his game for RSC with a season-high 21 points, going five for five from the free-throw line and two of four from three-point country.

According to players, if the Dons are able to be more aggressive in their play during second half of

the season they can improve in the conference standings and make it to the state tournament.

"We're in a very tough conference and normally three to four teams out of our conference make it to the state tournament," said Head Coach Dana Pagett.

Fullerton College will be hosting the Dons tonight at 7 p.m. The Dons have already beaten the Hornets earlier this season 76-68. Rancho's overall record is 18-9 (6-4) in conference.

1994 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
2/11-13	Lidlifter**
2/17-20	Phoenix College**
2/22	East LA
2/24	Pasadena City
3/1	Long Beach City
3/2	Irvine
3/4	Golden West*
3/7	Cypress
3/9	Riverside
3/11-13	GW Tourny**
3/16	Orange Coast
3/18	Fullerton

SCOREBOARD

3/21	Saddleback	4/22	Cypress
3/23	Irvine Valley	4/25	Riverside
3/26-28	Easter Tourny**	4/27	Orange Coast
4/5	Golden West	4/29	Fullerton
4/6	Cypress	5/2	Saddleback
4/8	Riverside*	5/13-14	Regional Playoffs
4/11	Orange Coast	5/20-22	State Playoffs
4/13	Fullerton	All home games in bold, played on softball field.	
4/15	Saddleback*	*Games begin at 7 p.m.	
4/18	Irvine Valley	**Tournaments all day	
4/20	Golden West		

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